These are private remittances and there is no emigration deposit collected by the Government.

No data State-wise, Country-wise, and Category-wise is maintained by the RBI.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Overhauling of immigration law

1952. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether worried over illegal immigration and the horror stories of Indian workers being cheated and abused abroad, Government has proposed to overhaul the existing law;

(b) if so, whether the new measures would include stiff penalties, including jail terms upto five years, for agents exploiting poor people;

(c) whether Government is planning to amend the Emigration Act, 1983;

(d) if so, the other main points being considered; and

(e) by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (e) The proposed amendments to the Emigration Act, 1983 intended to facilitate legal emigration, to curb illegal emigration and to make emigration a simple, transparent, efficient and humane process, are under finalization, in consultation with the Law Ministry.

Awareness of RTI Act

†1953. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the citizens of the country, particularly rural people are aware of the Right to Information Act;

(b) if not, whether Government has taken any steps to make people aware of Right to Information Act, 2005;

(c) if so, the details of such steps; and

(d) if not, whether Government would take appropriate step in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The Right to Information Act, 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India for information of all the citizens of the country. Sensitizing the citizens including the rural people is a continuing process. The Government in this process has given publicity to the Act through various channels of media including television and holding

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discussions, conferences etc. It has also published Guides for the Information Seekers, the Central Public Information Officers, the First Appellate Authorities, the Public Authorities, etc.

Tenure of DC in Jharkhand

1954. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of the fact that in Jharkhand, the average tenure of a District Collector is less than one year and that of the Secretary to Government less than even six months;

(b) whether the Central Government issued guidelines to State Government that such frequent transfers of key personnel should be avoided in the interest of good governance; and

(c) whether the Central Government consider it necessary to reiterate instructions in this regard and ensure their strict implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Transfers/postings of the All India Service officers working in connection with the affairs of the State Government, come within the purview of the State Governments. However, in order to ensure good governance, the Central Government has notified two years' minimum tenure of postings for all the cadre posts of the IAS, except the post of Chief Secretary for 13 States. For the State of Jharkhand, this was notified *vide* GSR No. 78(E), dated 8.2.2008. All the 13 State Governments have already been requested *vide* letter dated 16th April, 2008, to strictly observe the provisions of the notification that provide two years' fixed tenure for the cadre posts of the IAS, except the post of Chief Secretary.

Employment in rural areas

†1955. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create adequate employment opportunities in rural areas and small towns during the present Five Year Plan in view of stopping mass exodus of rural population in Metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the Central schemes which are proposed to be sponsored in this regard; and

(d) the amount fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Plan document projects employment generation of 58 million employment opportunities over the Eleventh plan period both in rural and urban areas of the country. These will be generated mainly in the services and labour intensive manufacturing

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